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CONTROL SYSTEM ONLY

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REF ID: A65425 - HANDLE VIA TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM

TO: Commander Naval Operations
Commanding Officer, Fleet Photo Center, Europe Atlantic and
Mediterranean

SUBJ: Sanitization of Middle East Photography

Ref: (a) OPNAVSETAINST 003821.1 of April 11 1957
(b) CNO ltr ser NT-000173-5 May 1957

1. Reference (b) is hereby cancelled.
2. The Utilization Advisory Board has liberalized procedures with respect to sanitizing TALENT photography of certain areas, such as the Middle East, not falling within the USSR or its satellites. The essential security objectives of sanitization procedures are to prevent identification of the source of the photography or its capabilities, particularly with respect to altitude, and to prevent reconstruction of the source's track from use of sanitized prints.
3. The following will pertain:
 - a. Concerning the material to be sanitized, there are no restrictions as to type of installation or area in contrast with the former restriction to airfields and certain amphibious landing areas.
 - b. Classification of material prepared from the TALENT System by proper sanitization will be SECRET//NOFORN with the exception noted in paragraph 4c. The former requirement for "Continued Control" is eliminated. Reproduced material will not mention TALENT or C7/HCA or make any other reference to source.
 - c. Obliques, verticals, and uncontrolled movies made from selected and properly cropped prints may be sanitized. Positive transparencies may be sanitized similarly.
 - d. Scale must be changed by enlargement, the new scale being specified on the reproduced material. Vertical photographs will be enlarged to a scale within the range from 1:10,000 to 1:20,000 in the case of 42 materials, 1:10,000 to 1:18,000 in the case of 8 materials. The declared intent of such scale alteration is to prevent disclosure or determination of altitude, focal length, or original scale.

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e. Date of photography may be indicated only by month and year.

f. Fiducial markings must be omitted. Focal length is not to be disclosed.

g. Format of individual prints or positives shall be 4" x 9" with annotations as customary.

4. At the request of the Attorney General, the following are approved:

"Emergency packages may be handled by the military services and disseminated to subordinate commands. (Initial SECRET NOV 1974) - continuous receipt required and transmitted via messenger or M-16 carrier. These materials may be downgraded to (Initial SECRET NOV 1974) - Modified Handling Authorized when an emergency is declared by authority as noted in the VALENT Control Manual."

While this is believed to be of little value, it may have some application in connection with the desired that material be used at the discretion of the WAR that these SECRET messages be handled as an emergency if declared; so that the arrangement as set forth in reference to the declaration by a numbered fleet would be followed. The material then can be removed from the system at the same classified level. It is recommended for SECRET, the provision of security

5. One copy of each sanitized forwarded the TALENT Control Office

value for Navy purposes, it may
be used for amphibious operations if it is
at initial level. It was the intent
that early packages will be used before
any apparent advantage over the previous
order which an emergency can be
declared by higher authority and packaged
in AN/FRT Control System but maintained
by own pilot and normally cleared
All material is of questionable value.

Utilizing TALENT photography must be in accordance with reference (a).

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Commander, USN
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